[1st November 1962]

Railway lines between Tuticorin and Tiruchendur.

* 213 Q.—SRI J. PONNUSWAMY VILLAVARAYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to recommend to the Central Government to link directly the railway lines between Tuticorin and Tiruchendur? 3-20 p.m.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) No, Sir.

Village Officers

* 214 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations have been received recently on behalf of the village officers of the Thanjavur district ; and

(b) if so, what they are and the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Association has made 23 requests and they are under consideration of the Government.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, is there any demand from them to make the posts of village officers the same as those of other regular Government servants ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I have got a printed memorandum containing 23 demands. Since they are under examination, the matter can be raised later.

Election of Mayors

* 215 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state whether there is any communal rotation in the election of Mayors in the Corporation of Madras, and, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : A convention was established by the Madras Corporation Council in 1930 which has since been in vogue. The object was to eliminate canvassing which had characterised the election of President.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Sir, is it a fact that this pernicious communal rotation came into existence due to political exigencies in those days, and as those exigencies do not exist today, do the Government consider it advisable to remove this communal rotation in the interests of the parties concerned, that is, the aspirants for Mayorality who go about canvassing sympathy from the particular community at the time of election ?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID : This convention was approved by the Corporation Council, and has been in vogue for the past 32 years. The hon. Member may know this. The matter

was not referred to the Government and Government did not issue any instructions. Things have been going on very smoothly. So, the Government see no reason to interfere in this affair.

Committee on Sanitation

* 216 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report of Sri V. V. Ramaswami Committee on sanitation in Markets and Bus-stands; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: May I know, Sir, the amount of money spent on this committee?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID: A separate question may be put, Sir.

Employees of the Corporation

* 217 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of SRI L. S. KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state the number of (i) Gazetted and (ii) non-Gazetted employees of the Corporation who have been taken into Government service?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID: The posts in the Corporation Service are not classified as 'Gazetted' and "non-Gazetted" as in Government service. Only one employee in the service of the Corporation who was holding the post of Assistant Conservancy Officer has been appointed to the post of the Personal Assistant to the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, to which post appointment should be made by the Government.

Parks and play-fields

* 218 *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether lists of parks, play-fields and open spaces within the municipalities in the districts of (i) South Arcot and (ii) North Arcot have been prepared and submitted to Government for approval;

(*b*) whether the Government have published any such lists; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI S. M. A. MAJID: (*a*) The lists of parks, play-fields and open spaces in respect of some of the municipalities in the South Arcot and North Arcot districts have been received by Government.